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PATENT



Docket No.: 057454-0997

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Kouichi OKUGAMI, et al.

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Application No.: 10/787,263

Group Art Unit: 3682

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Examiner: Lenard Footland

For: DIFFERENTIAL SUPPORT STRUCTURE, DIFFERENTIAL'S COMPONENT, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DIFFERENTIAL SUPPORT STRUCTURE, AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING DIFFERENTIAL'S COMPONENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of October 31, 2005 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1 through 12) for prosecution in the above-identified application. In response to the requirement for election of a single disclosed species, Species A is hereby elected. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10-12 are readable on Species A.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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